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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: USE OF US BASES IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

REF: STATE 207383

1. EMBOFF MADE POINTS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL TO PERINAT, SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, ASKING EXPLANATION OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO MFA ON USE OF LAJES AND NOTING THAT STATEMENT ON NON-USE OF BASES, PARTICULARLY WHEN MADE TWICE, NOT HELPFUL.

2. PERINAT SAID THAT GOS STRONGLY FELT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO REPEAT STATEMENT ON NON-USE OF BASES BECAUSE (1) US CONTINUED TO USE BASES IN QUESTIONABLE WAY AFTER FIRST STATEMENT; AND (2) ARAB PRESSURES ON MFA WERE REACHING DANGER POINT. AMPLIFYING ON LATTER COMMENT, HE REMARKED THAT ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR HAD MADE MENACING STATEMENTS WITH FONMIN IN LENGTHY, HIGHLY EMOTIONAL INTERVIEW AND THAT MOROCCANS WERE ALSO TAKING VERY STRONG POSITION ON PRESUMED US MISUSE OF BASES.

3. PERINAT ASSURED THAT HE HAD NEITHER MADE OR AUTHORIZED STATEMENT ON LAJES AND PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE ITS ORIGIN. FOLLOWING DAY, HE TOLD EMBOFF HE COULD GUARANTEE
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THAT NO ONE IN MFA HAD MADE STATEMENT CITED IN INFORMACIONES OF OCTOBER 16. ACCORDING TO OFFICE OF DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION, HE CONTINUED, INFORMACIONES REPORTER HAD INQUIRED ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO SPANISH BASIS FOR SUPPORT OF US AIRLIFT.

OFFICE OF DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION OFFICIAL MADE NO COMMENT,
BUT DID CALL REPORTER'S ATTENTION TO EARLIER AP STORY OF
OCTOBER 16 CITING "RELIABLE SOURCES" IN LISBON TO EFFECT THAT
US USING LAJES. PERINAT REVEALED THAT US WAS NOT
THE ONLY EMBASSY TO HAVE INQUIRED AT MFA ABOUT ARTICLE,
AND THAT BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDING, MFA HAS PROTESTED
TO INFORMACIONES EDITOR JESUS DE LA SERNA ABOUT
INACCURACIES IN STORY.
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